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MEDICAL ARMY MAN IN THIRD MYERS LECTURE

Major Russell of Medical Corps Gives Interesting Lecture on Sanitation and Health.

STEREOPTICON VIEWS USED.

With Aid of Lantern Shows Audience Great Advances Made in Dealing With Disease.

Physicians of the United States Army have been largely instrumental in finding remedies for many of the most serious plagues that infest communities in this country and its dependents, according to Major Frederick F. Russell, of the U. S. A. Medical Corps, himself an expert on typhoid fever. He spoke in the Chapel Saturday evening as the third lecturer of the John Ripley Myers course, taking for his subject "The Development of Sanitation in Relation to the Health of Armies and the Relation of Army Studies on this Subject to Civil Communities."

An interesting feature of the evening was the use of stereopticon slides to illustrate the benefits of modern sanitation in army and community life. The Major's remarks, while necessarily somewhat technical, were sufficiently clear to be followed readily. President Stryker announced the fourth lecture of the course for March 28.

Fly and Mosquito Dangerous.

In considering some of the most dangerous diseases which attack the country as well as the army, Major Russell told of the painstaking investigations made by medical men of the army and the remedies found. The mosquito has been proven the "intermediate host" which spreads contagion of malarial diseases such as yellow fever, while for the same reason, "a single fly is more dangerous than many quarts of bad water." He commended anti-fly campaigns as being "based on sound principles" and showed the precautionary measures taken in army camps to eliminate the insect. The startling discoveries in prevention of typhoid, yellow fever, malaria, and like diseases made thru investigations by army medical men have led to revolutionized methods of sanitation, and so have a direct bearing on the public at large. The speaker held up as examples of the efficiency of the army medical corps the low fatality in the camps of our troops on the Mexican border where yellow fever is anything but rare, the perfect sanitation of the Panama Canal zone which has so effectively kept disease away to permit the building of the canal, and the healthfulness of Havana, Cuba, formerly ridden with disease.

Typhoid Eliminated.

The latest accomplishment of the United States Army Medical Corps is the practical elimination of typhoid fever in the ranks, said the Major. Typhoid has its source deeply rooted in the community. It appears every year, and formerly had been one of the most serious problems confronting army officials, its toll far exceeding that of actual fighting in the Spanish-American War. An investigation was started by army physi-

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COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES CONFERS WITH FACULTY

Matter of Salaries Being Considered For Report to Trustees in April.

The Committee on Instruction and Government of the Trustees of the College held a conference with the faculty Saturday afternoon in regard to salaries of instructors. The question as to whether the present salaries are adequate in view of the cost of living was considered. It was understood the conference was not to have any direct bearing on the contemplated raise of salaries which the million-dollar endowment fund is to make possible. The Committee is preparing a report comparing salaries at Hamilton with those at other colleges to be presented at the April meeting of the Trustees, and the views of the members of this faculty were sought in that connection.

The trustees who compose the Committee on Instruction and Government are Samuel Hopkins Adams, Chairman, F. W. Griffith, '86, A. S. Hoyt, '72, H. M. Andrews, '99. All were present at the conference except Mr. Griffith, who is in the South.

BOWLING STARTS.

Four Matches of Interfraternity Contest Run Off.

On Wednesday of last week an interfraternity bowling contest was started and is now well under way. Enough interest has been aroused to insure a full tournament. A great many of the games so far have been close and exciting. In the first game on Wednesday evening the Psi Us defeated the Alpha Delts by two games to one. The Psi Us were represented by McGibeny, Gates, and Higbie, and the Alpha Delts by Banks, Leonard, Nichols, and Baldwin.

Immediately afterwards the Chi Psis and Emersonians played their match, which resulted in a clean victory for the Chi Psis in three straight games. The Chi Psi team consisted of Ogilvie, '14, W. H. Dayton, and S. Miller. For E. L. S., Mattoon, Hulbert, and Knapp played. In a closely contested game on Thursday evening the Dekes succeeded in defeating the Alpha Delts. Lewis, Brockway, and Aldrich played for the Dekes, the Alpha Delts using the same men as in the Psi U game.

On Friday evening the Psi Us won their second match by defeating the Emersonians by the popular score of two to one. The Psi Us won the first two games easily, but E. L. S. came back and took the last game by 78 pins. In this game Rothensies, who took Mattoon's place, made the high score of the year, getting a count of 206. It is expected that the other games will be played off this week and the early part of next.

—The recital of chamber music which was postponed from February 14, will be given at the Delta Upsilon House on Saturday evening, March 14.

—The name of ex-president Taft has been mentioned in connection with the presidency of Lafayette College, which office is now vacant.

HAMILTONIAN OF 1915 GETS AN EARLY START

Contracts Awarded and First Forms Started. "Rigid Economy" and "Hummer" Promised.

The printing contract for the 1915 Hamiltonian was given last week to the Art Press Co. of Syracuse, who put out last year's book, and the copy for the first 32 pages will be in their hands this week. The Electric City Engraving Co., of Buffalo, which has the contract for the engravings, has the photographs for the first 32 pages, and will send the cuts to the printer this week, so that work will be commenced on the book at once. The Editors plan to bring the book as near completion as possible by Easter vacation.

Profiting by the example of 1914, the Hamiltonian Board's slogan is "Economy First." Money will be saved on cuts and printing expenses, and perhaps the book will be somewhat smaller than 1914's. The Board plans to make the book "thar" in quality. however, and is at present planning several features to throw last year's production in the shade. There are rumors of Johnnie Weaver's head on September Morn's body, Prex fishing in the Oriskany, and Tunk Potter osculating Cal Lewis, as well as many more. At any rate, there are sure to be wild and daring features. George Potter has asked to be allowed to contribute an article called "Doing Denmark With Daddy," and George Ogilvie will write a short moral story on "Being Led Astray." George was selected for the task because no one knows better how to be led astray than he.

The book will cost two dollars, and unless dope is all twisted, will be a hummer. The Seniors are especially requested to hand their honor lists to McNair or Erhardt at once.

DEBATE TEAMS CHOSEN.

The Intercollegiate Debate Teams, chosen by the Debate Council from the Interclass debaters and those who tried out Monday, Feb. 23, have been announced. The team chosen to oppose Wesleyan at Middletown on March 25 is composed of Cole, '14. Walker, '14, LaForce, '15, and Jones, '16, alternate. On the same night Pohl, '14, Regin, '14, Keddy, '15, with Groves, '16, as alternate, will oppose Bowdoin in the Chapel.

On account of eye trouble LaForce will be unable to prepare for the match, and another man will make the trip in his stead. The entire team will get together at least once a week for the succeeding three weeks in order to discuss the question in detail, and these meetings will be turned into informal debates between the two teams as soon as is practicable.

—Mr. C. H. Mallory, '15, of Yale, Assignment Editor of the News, spoke in the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday night on the Christian activities at Eli. Mr. Mallory is one of a group of Yale men which is trying to spread the Yale Y. M. C. A. system among other colleges. Next Sunday Dr. Joseph R. Cochran, of Philadelphia, has been asked to speak, and will probably accept the invitation.

INDOOR BASEBALL PRACTICE STARTED

Candidates Out for Light Work in Gymnasium. New Men to be Judged Largely by Early Showing.

All you have to do to persuade yourself that Spring is not so far off is to drop in at the Gymnasium any afternoon after 3.30. Yes, the Buff and Blue ball squad has begun work in its Winter Training Camp, where it will remain until the last of the big snow drifts on Steuben Field has found its way into the Oriskany—some time along in April or May.

The first practice of the season was held in the Gym last Thursday afternoon, about twenty-five men responding to the first call. Altho most of the varsity were on hand about half of the early candidates were from the Freshman class. Very light practice marked the first few days, no batting being permitted. Yesterday bunting was attempted for the first time.

Beginning Monday, March 9, the squad will settle down to stiff, steady indoor work for which every candidate will be expected to report every afternoon. From that day on reasonable training rules will be strictly enforced. Close tabs will be kept on attendance and every man who expects to take the Easter trip must do faithful work. As there will probably be very little outdoor work before Easter, Captain Royce will have to judge his new men by the way they handle themselves indoors.

Several pitchers have been limbering up, but they also have been doing only very light work, and are not allowed to put on any steam as yet. Fulton, Daniels, Whitman, and Peterson are out to share the pitching honors with Captain Royce. On the other end of the battery S. Miller and A. Miller will find new rivals in French and Huntsman of the Freshman class. About ten new men have reported for infield and outfield positions. Some of this material is good and will furnish close competition for the varsity men.

The Freshman candidates for assistant manager are Warren, Bristol, Donohue and Luce. Manager White still has three open dates which have been offered to Fordham, Manhattan, and Springfield Y. M. C. A.

NEW YORK CONCERT.

The Musical Clubs management wishes to announce at this time that the New York Concert of the Easter trip will be held at the Hotel Astor Friday evening, April 17th. The concert will be followed by a dance, which is expected to attract an attendance greater than usual. Announcement is made now in order that that date may be reserved by the alumni and their friends in and around New York. Full announcement of the Easter trip will be made in an early issue of **Life.**

—C. G. Signor, '02, has recently gone into partnership with his father, Judge I. S. Signor, '70, at Albion.

—How many of you old grads and young can tell Schnitz's picture when you see it? The photo in Spice, p. 2, is that of Mr. Henry B. Harris, of theatre fame.

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EDITORIAL.

NOW, LET'S GO!

The College has had almost a month to recover from the fatigue of exams and the depression which followed in the wake of Prom. The severe weather which has held the Hill in its icy grip for several weeks past, taking all of a man's vitality to withstand and compelling him to stay close by the fireside, seems to have broken, the worst of it, at any rate. Spring itself will soon be here, blizzards on the horizon and icicles on the window-sill notwithstanding.

All of which being true, it is high time that the College crawled out of its winter quarters, roused itself, and began to do things. The long dropped basketball series has been resumed. Let it be finished up with some show of enthusiasm by the College, and then on with the interclass games. And it is to be hoped that the classes will prove more interested in them than they appeared to be in the recent debate. The intercollegiate debates are only three weeks off; it is needless to say that our teams will have to exercise almost superhuman activity to get in shape for these events.

After the basketball season, we are told, an indoor interclass meet is to be run off as in former years. Make it a real meet, with hot competition, not a perfunctory ordeal. Baseball practice has already begun in the cage. Hamilton should have the best team in her history this year, for the three big reasons that the material is here, indoor practice is made possible by the cage, and the long-sought repairs have been made on the diamond. A letter from Track Coach Risley in another column outlines for the men in that department what they should be doing until outdoor practice begins. Last year Mr. Risley worked under the tremendous disadvantage of starting practice late with raw material, and attained a fair degree of success. This year, if that disadvantage can be eliminated, Hamilton's success in Track should be marked.

The Charlatans have done their work of the year, and done it well. It is only to be regretted that they could not travel more extensively and appear before many audiences. Now let the Musical Clubs do as well. Let them realize that they are fighting against odds, that they are working to bring back Hamilton Glee and Mandolin clubs to the place of undoubted prestige from which a year of inactivity has let them fall. A trip which shall include several of the old Hamilton cities and towns seems to **Life** to be more in order than the contemplated plunge into unknown territory. The Clubs should be welcome this year wherever there are Hamilton men.

Everything is under way, booming. Now, let's go!

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An Anonymous Letter.

The editor has received a communication signed "A Few of the College Men" which he would be glad to make public were it not for its anonymity. **Life** may on request or for politic reasons withhold the signature from a published communication, but the editor must be informed of the writer's name before such publication. The reasons for this policy are so obvious as to need no explanation. Plainly, the signature—if such it may be called which appears on the writing in question, is as completely anonymous as would be such a fictitious name as "Hoi Polloi," "Oudenes," or "Questioner."

COMMUNICATION.

The following letter from Coach Floyd Risley to Captain "Fritz" Lee of the Track Team should be of interest to every man who is contemplating going out for the team this season.

Dear Fritz—I write you in regard to getting the fellows to work for the coming track season. I think it would be best to have a good talk personally with each man of last year's team now in College and get each one interested in the work which is ahead of him. I do not mean to say that each one should start hard training now but it is my belief that it is not too early to have the fellows work out in the "Gym" three or four days each week.

The men in the field events should work on the weights and horizontal bars, all of them including the jumpers. The sprint and hurdle men should practice starts, play some basketball and exercise generally. The distance men should exercise generally and jog several laps the last thing they do before leaving the floor. It would also be a good idea for you to watch the Freshmen work out in their "Gym" class. Pick out those who you think will be able to do something and get them busy.

I will get up to the Hill some day the latter part of the week and if you can arrange at some convenient hour have all those interested in track report and we can get them going along. The real training season is so short that by the time we get going in good shape the season has ended. This year I want all the fellows to be in shape or as near that as possible by May 1. Let me hear from you as soon as possible and we will get the thing going. With best wishes,

Risley.

—Mr. Harry S. Leiper, of Amherst, Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, spoke in the Chapel Tuesday morning concerning Foreign Missions. He emphasized the need for men in the far East and named definite places where college men are needed as teachers in educational institutions.

—Prof. Ibbotson has leased a room in South and is boarding at Commons.

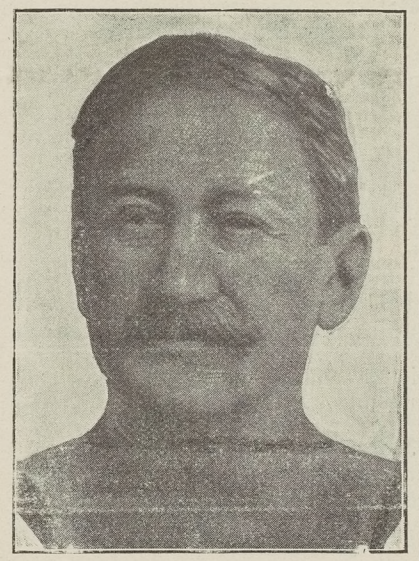
—A committee of Seniors has been appointed to attend to the caps and gowns for the graduating class. Rhodes is chairman and the other members are Miller and Lee.

Spice of Life

Will Leff Brown kindly step forward and throw out that chest and answer this question, "Does a wrist watch have the feminist movement?"

Eggs imported from China can be sold for 20 cents a dozen and make a profit. —Newspaper Headline.

And also a bad smell!



Spice's Puzzle Picture.
Find the German Dictionary.

Watch this space next week! You are to see a likeness that will astonish you. The two gentlemen in the next issue are as like as brothers. They've got something on Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

It has been suggested that the original of the above picture be secured as a decoration for one of the rooms in Benedict Hall.

Yes, or some other Hall we could mention.

Reminds one of the statuette in Little Greek's room, doesn't it?

A True One.

Bleed's girl at the Shubert, "How do you like Gaby, Wayland?"

Bleed, "Well, I don't think much of her face."

Last Wednesday Bill Barnes demanded of a gathering at the Y. M. C. A., "Where is the missionary spirit?"

"All drunk up," says Spook Ingersoll, dolefully.

Some of our ideas of a joke are really funny, don't you think!

Saphead.

Pillz (in Physics exam): Mr. Prescott is asleep. Will someone tap him on the head, please?

Voice: Don't do it. You'll flood the room.

Fat Ogilvie allows that he has too much excess baggage in his trunk to do these bending exercises "Dan" insists on.

When I spin a humorous yarn to a guy, and I cleverly, carefully word it, he is taking a terrible risk on his health, when he says, "Here's the way that I heard it."

We Prefer Educated Clams.

He told of finding four girls in one little room cooking clams who could not read or write. —Sunday Tribune.

Somebody has suggested as a name for Spice's Puzzle Picture Section, "Wild Animals I Have Known." How disgusting!

We cannot compliment the Editor of our contemp., Lit, for his judgment in the title, "Seeing Sicily With Sister." Something else, frinstance, "The Dairy of Our Own Samuel Pepys," would have been better.

If we'd have been asked what to call it, we'd have kept still.

We'd have let it sleep.

But anyway, we do think as Mr. MacHarg does, dear fello! What a funny bird the frog are!

Speaking of last lines, this colyum's must be given to a firm of lawyers at 25 Pemberton Sq., Boston.

Oh, we aren't tight.

—Mason and Dixon.

LIT. CLUB STARTS.

Last Thursday evening the first meeting of the English Lit. Club for the year was held at the Deke House. The topic of the evening was Ibsen Goodenough read an interesting paper on Ibsen's life and works and was followed by McGibeny who gave a critique of "Ghosts" and "A Doll's House." A general discussion of Ibsen and his works was led by Mr. Ristine. The men present were Royce, Felt, Burns, McGibeny, Carmer, Blood, Leavenworth, Mengerink, Bristol, Jessup, Williamson and Insley, '14, and Goodenough, '15. For next week's meeting at the Psi U House, the topic is Tolstoi. Blood and Mengerink will read papers.

—Hobart College and William Smith have hired Dr. G. J. Sweetland, an alumnus, as a regular professor in a new department of physical instruction. He is to have charge of the gym work and of the coaching of all of the athletic teams. He is a physician and a good baseball coach and has been particularly successful in the football teams that he has turned out. For the last few years he has been with Williamette University in Oregon.

ALUMNI DINNER.

The twenty-second annual reunion and banquet of the New England Association of Hamilton Alumni was held in Boston, February 23. Announcement was made at the dinner of the million-dollar endowment fund to be raised for the College, of which at least $200,000 is to be obtained from the alumni.

Rev. William C. Winslow, '62, presided at the banquet and the speakers were Rev. William H. VanAllen, '93, of the Church of the Advent, Dean George Hodges, '77, of the Cambridge Theological School, and Charles K. Gilbert, '02, editor of the Churchman. Officers elected were: President, Frederic G. Perine, '87; vice-presidents, William C. Winslow, '62, Rev. F. A. Budlong, and Rev. George Hodges, '77; secretary and treasurer, Paul Kneeland, '09, of Winchester. Maurice B. Landers, '03, Clark Williams, '11, and Dexter North, '13, are on the Executive Committee.

—Prof. Lewis was away the latter half of last week attending a Teachers' Convention in Richmond, Virginia. Saturday Chapel was postponed to Monday.

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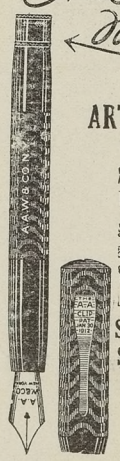

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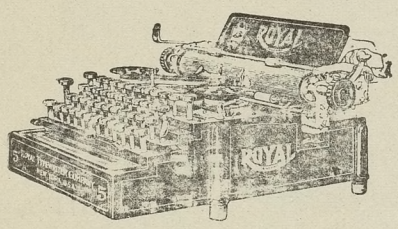

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THE SENIOR TALKS

One of the boasted advantages of the small College has ever been the opportunity which it offers of close communion and intercourse between the students and the members of the Faculty. We have all heard that played up to the limit in connection with this College. We tell the sub-Freshmen about it with fervent voices; it sounds fine, too, and we surprise ourselves by our ability to talk about it. Then, when we get off by ourselves, we idly wonder whether we saw that story in a dream or just repeated what they told us when we were sub-Freshmen.

I'm not scathing anybody, not even the system. For that matter, there isn't any system. It's just a condition. But I do not see any reason in the world why that general communion between undergraduates and faculty that we talk about should not be a reality in this College. It seems to me that the natural conditions are ideal for it. In so far we may boast of the advantages of Hamilton in this respect without being hypocrites. I need not go over the ground, the theoretical ground. You have all heard and are dimly aware of our supposedly ideal situation for a small College; we are all sincerely of the opinion that it is so. We have a College community isolated from the undesirable distractions of the outer world. the entire College, students and faculty. with a very few exceptions, living within a radius of half a mile or so. Our numbers are few; we are all acquainted, even with instructors whose courses we have not taken. What more could be desired to stimulate this friendly intercourse?

We have to admit, tho, that there isn't a great deal of it. Really friendly, intimate relations between members of the College and their instructors are not common here; probably they are not more so elsewhere, but we are not speaking comparatively now. What is the reason? Why is this admittedly desirable thing, so easily attainable, not a reality? I do not believe that there is a spirit on the Hill that opposes it. In fact, I believe there is less of that childish spirit which expresses itself in crying "Supe!" on all possible occasions than there has existed formerly. That, if true, is encouraging.

The fault seems to be in this, that there is no real effort made on the part of either side to bring the two together. I have used the word side significantly, for it is altogether too much as if the College were divided into two sides, with the faculty on one side and the undergraduates on the other. Where the two are brought together of necessity, in the classroom and occasionally elsewhere, there is enough of harmony and good feeling, in a perfectly business-like way. Beyond that they appear to have little in common, or to care to have.

A few isolated cases may be cited as exceptions to this rule. A few fellows have realized how much enjoyment and profit may be had for the seeking in this way. They have found something which others have missed. They have found that the men who sit over them as instructors are the most genial and interesting men in the world, and that spending an hour or two with them beyond what is required is not only a pleasure, but also carries with it that feeling of time well spent, like reading a good book. As for the instructor, it must be a source of pleasure and gratification to him to spend some of his time in this way.

But again, how is the desirable result to be brought about? It is hard to change a long stagnated condition. Advances must be made from both directions. I blame the instructor fully as much as the student for their lack of common interest. The faculty is too prone to be sufficient unto itself. We are here—this is too often the attitude—if they want to come to us they can. We'll not force ourselves upon them. And the undergraduates: I won't go suping around them. They're highbrows, anyway. You can't be human with them.

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The interfraternity basketball series is to be finished this week. Various reasons, not the least of which was the inability of the department to produce a basketball, caused the postponement for several weeks of the last few games, which will now be played off with no loss of time. Thursday night the Deke and Delta U teams will meet in the Gym in their second game of the season, to play off the tie for the championship. The winning team will win the interfraternity championship cup.

The interclass games will follow next week, the first two games to be played Monday. The winners will play for the championship on Thursday. All present indications point to a probable contest between the Seniors and the Sophomores in the final game, with the outcome doubtful.

The close of the basketball season will be followed by an interclass field meet, similar to the one held last year.

—Within the next two years Union College is to have two new buildings, Bigelow Memorial and Butterfield Memorial. Elihu Root, '64, has contributed $1,000 and Andrew Carnegie $5,000 to the fund.

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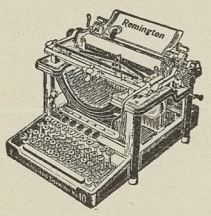

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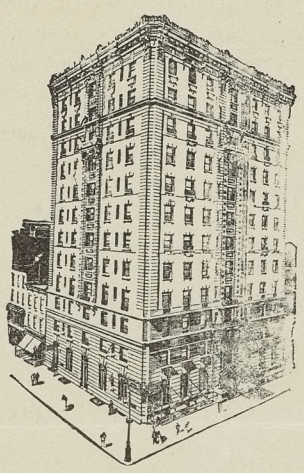

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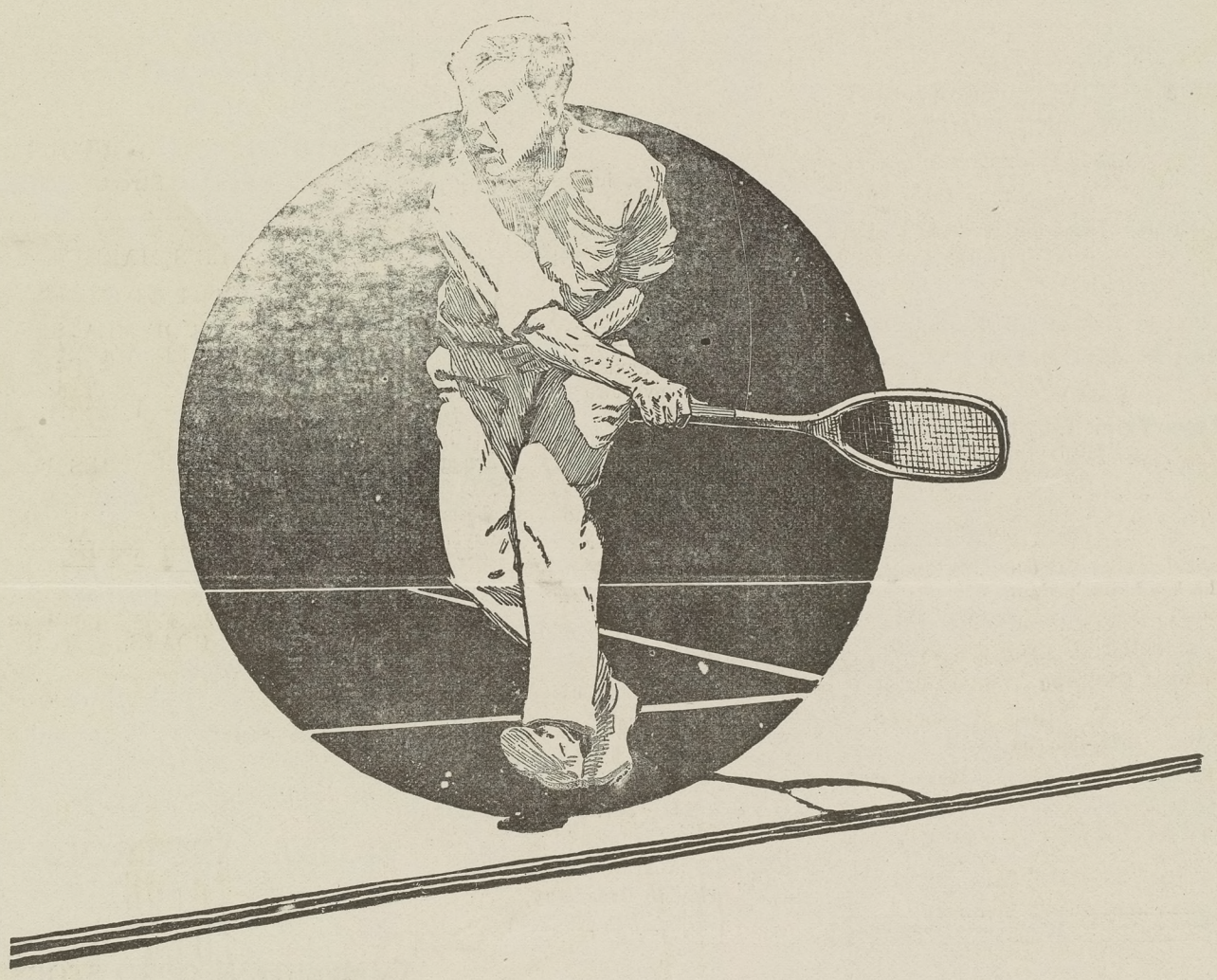

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Elated, they journeyed over to Syracuse University, only to meet defeat at the hands of the Kuhn brothers and Ellenberger, who took all six matches from our men. Syracuse critics declare that the playing was very close, altho the best side came out on top. The intercollegiate match is an advance over last year's schedule, and has served to create more interest among the deep-thinkers in College. Some good material has been discovered in the Freshman class, notably Saunders, Lyon, and J. Jones.

At present no plans have been made in regard to another intercollegiate match, but President Dayton is in hopes of getting back at the Faculty before the Easter recess.

—The University of Wisconsin no longer has two daily papers. The Wisconsin Daily News, which was started as a protest against faculty control of publications, has merged after two years of existence with the Daily Cardinal, the older and more official publication.

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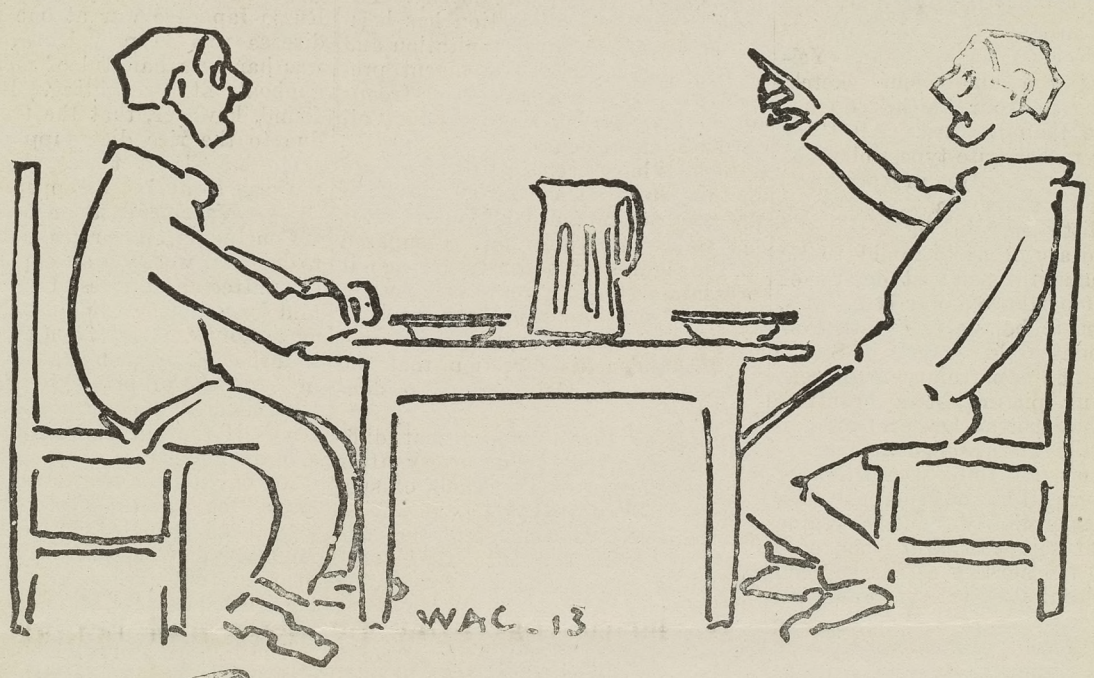

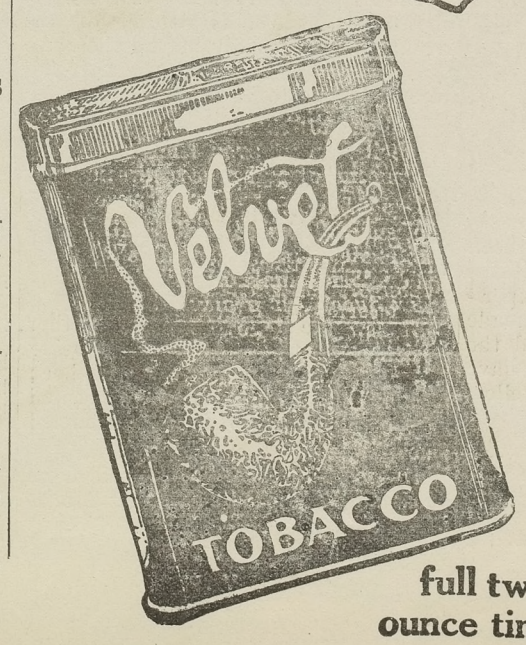

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Undergraduate Reviewer Finds Fair Material but Little of Startling Merit. Prose Better Than Poetry, He Thinks.

Criticisms by undergraduates are always too plentiful and for that reason I have hesitated to add my own. In reviewing the last issue of Lit., the February number, which appeared last Saturday, I hope the editors and contributors will take these remarks in the spirit in which they are given.

As has been the usual thing for the past year or so, Weaver again adorns the frontispiece with a bit of a poem. That's all it is, just a poem. It is neither good nor bad, but merely mediocre. The rest of the verse, "Along the Lane," by Carmer, "A Serenade," by Browning, and a ballad in the style of long ago by McLean, seems to follow Weaver's in its mediocrity. To those who like to live in the past, "Ye Oldtyme Battell 'Twixt Profane and Sacred Love" may appear to be a pretty fair imitation; but the average man would rather live in the present than in the past. At any rate McLean has evidently put considerable work and thought into his effort, which makes it the best verse in the issue.

Good Prize Essay.

The prose is the best part of the magazine. Particularly good is Kimball's essay on "The Red Cross Society." It is clear and interesting and refrains from going into raptures and flowery language, a thing which is so liable to crop out in prize essays and orations. If this is a sample of the work done by the prize-winners, please let us have some more.

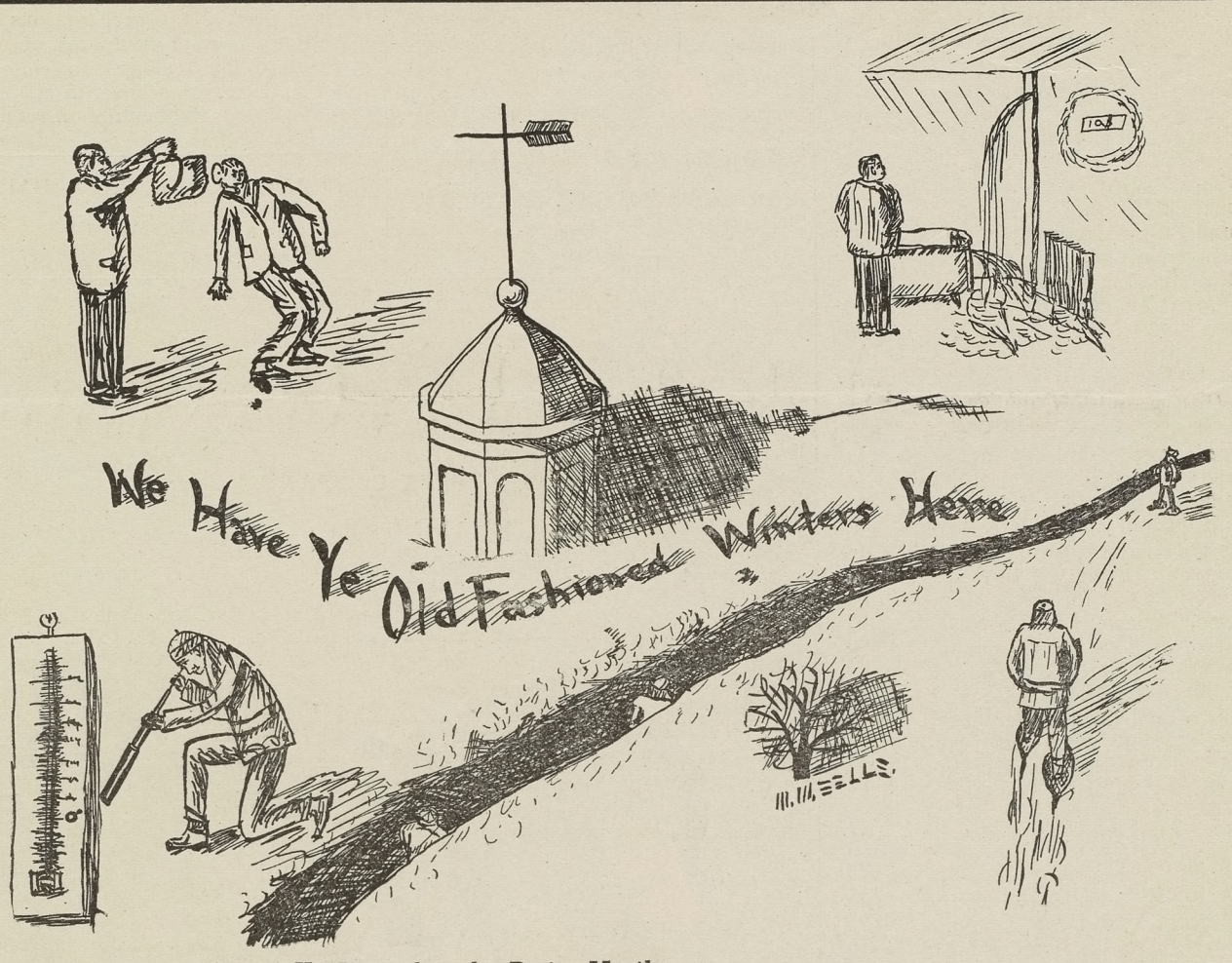
The two articles by McMillan, '16, "Would You Have Done the Same?" and "A Nocturn in Grey and Yellow," and the anonymous sketch, "According to Your Faith," do not need more than a word. All three are of the rather trite type which has to appear every so often in magazines.

For some strange reason most people take little care in the writing of letters and are prone to ramble along and to make the smallest details of as much importance as the large ones. This seems to be the case with Potter's account of his travels in Sicily. He has a fine opportunity to present a charming picture of a beautiful country, but instead has preferred to describe the more commonplace events. I do not think the title for which the editor so generously assumes responsibility adds anything to the article. Erhardt has only scratched the surface of his subject, "The Recent Revival of Faust in German." What he has said, however, has been said well. I wish he had given us more.

Is Grouch Needed?

The rest of the issue is given over to Timothy Titmouse, an inconsequential editorial, and a few pages of necrology. Altho I am not in sympathy with what is said in "The Grouch's Easy Chair," it is written with a certain kind of directness which appeals strongly. Is it not time for Timothy to lose his "grouch" and to begin to boost? He has done his work.

On the whole the issue is only mediocre. It shows signs of promise. Each article has the nucleus, but needs more developing. Maybe it would help to produce a better Lit, if the board of editors should meet together in a body once each month to discuss the merits of the copy handed to them for publication and should pick out the best.



As Some of Us Remember the Past Month.

MEDICAL ARMY MAN IN THIRD MYERS LECTURE

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cians which resulted in a realization of the dangers of close association with diseased conditions and the culpability of the common housefly. The report of this investigation has been the basis for all future sanitation and is responsible for the stringent precautions now being taken by troops on the Mexican border of catching all the flies out of doors.

Results have been gratifying of late in this work. The rate of intestinal disorder accompanied by yellow fever has been remarkably low. Compared to the figures of a few years ago it presents a startling contrast. Another army surgeon, Sternberg, specialized for a time on yellow fever, and it was under his direction that the investigation in Cuba found the danger of the mosquito. Ross, experimenting in India, under great difficulties, seconded the discovery after an examination of thousands of species of mosquito. An army physician named Reed, working along the same line in Cuba, by the aid of Gen. Leonard Wood, formulated positive proofs that the mosquito was all-dangerous in the transmission of disease, and that the spread of yellow fever could be controlled by keeping the mosquito away from persons who had the disease.

Regions Made Healthful.

After such convincing evidence, proper precautions were taken, with the result that in the first year of military occupancy of Cuba, 1899-1900, there was no increase in cases of yellow fever. Havana has been practically free from this disease since. On the basis of Reed's experiments, Col. W. C. Gorgas has made it possible for Goethals to build the canal. The fly and mosquito have been eliminated, and not only yellow fever, but malaria as well has been wiped out of the Canal Zone. Panama, once the pest-hole of civilization, has now become, said Major Russell, a healthful region.

Japan and the Philippines have a disease called beri-beri, which is particularly troublesome, and until army physicians began investigations, no remedy had been found. Tikaki, a Japanese naval physician, had studied it most carefully, and could find no way to check it. It was peculiarly subtle as well as powerful. In the Russo-Japanese war at one time this disease was so prevalent that there was hardly a handful of men on two gunboats fit for fighting. Physicians found, however, that the trouble was due to the rice diet supplied to the soldiers. The diet was changed and the disease almost disappeared.

Vaccine Instrumental.

Concluding, Major Russell referred to his own work on an experimenting committee and the results gained. He told how vaccine came into use as an agent for immunity from typhoid. He said that on the mobilization of troops in Texas the prophylactic vaccine was administered under compulsion. The result is that in San Antonio where a large number of troops were quartered only one or two cases of typhoid have broken out. The benefits that have been brought to the civic communities at large thru the research of the army officers are immeasurable. Modern sanitation, in fact, received its impetus from the army.

The lantern slides which the Major showed following the reading of his lecture placed vividly before the eyes of his audience the truly amazing accomplishments of this department of our army.

After the lecture the crowd was entertained in Commons Hall where refreshments were served and the College and its visitors were given the opportunity to meet the speaker of the evening.

—With the return of better weather the work on the new library is being started again. Several men have been working on the interior this week and the work on the roof is to be resumed shortly.

—McLean, '16, has dropped from the competition for Assistant Manager of the Musical Clubs.

Winter Sports as Snowflakes Fall

Say, d'ye ever take a trip thru Coney? If you have, and if you ever took a chance on the what-d'ye-call-it that whizzes up and down slopes, or the little cart that tumbles you around on the billowy (tin) ocean, then you may have a faint—a dimly faint—idea of what coasting means these days. That erstwhile placid pastime has taken on all the thrills of daring adventure.

After your sled has sidled around the curves at the edge of the campus, it scuds towards Prex's mansion with all the speed and ease of a well-behaved race horse. To continue our simile (or is it a metaphor), your trusty steed jolts you with a preliminary prance and then stands up on its hind legs and bucks. That means, you strike a series of bumps composed of an artistic group of hillocks which are travelling cross-ways and not at all in the direction you're for going. Then your sled plunges downward, and in the sickening thud that follows the rider frequently bites his tongue owing to a collision of chin with knee.

Less striking but more spectacular are the phenomena which appear when the sled emerges from the arbor and discovers that the rut has the shape of a letter S only more so. Useless then are the bellowings of Tunk, as he plows thru the Theta Delt drift. Unheeded the wailings of Chauncey when he rises (as usual) above the common herd, to soar lightly o'er a ten-yard strip of snow and alight upon Pills' door-mat.

"Just faunc y!" he shuddered, "Pills took me for a blausted foundling and had the impudence to ausk if I was a boy or girl. Perfectly beastly!" and Chauncey concealed his blushes behind a lavender- bordered handkerchief.

Lesser figures boast of lesser exploits and our kind hand is willing to draw a curtain over the shame of those who thought they could steer, but could only bull.